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PLANTING TIME

1950

This Spring is the time to plant Berry Plants, Fruit Trees, Gardens, Roses, and Evergreens. Small fruit planted this Spring will bear next year. This is your only chance to have your own fruit next year.

The shortage of fruit will continue for several years. You can help this shortage by planting a part of your garden or back yard to fruit. The quicker you get the trees and plants in the ground, the quicker they will produce.

Planting time is short—Just three months: March, April, May. Get your orders in early, as the supply of Nursery goods is not large.

THIS IS THE 59th YEAR OF THE ALPHA NURSERY. We have grown millions of trees and plants during this time and have gained much actual experience as to the GROWING, CARE AND HABITS OF EVERGREENS, TREES, ROSES and PLANTS suitable to our climate.

This long experience gives assurance of better trees and plants, as most all our stock is grown in our fields here at ALPHA, ILLINOIS.

This nursery is now in the hands of the second and third generations of WIRTS growing quality nursery stock.

Fair dealings, and honest values have built a reputation for this firm which stands the acid test of time.

ALPHA NURSERY

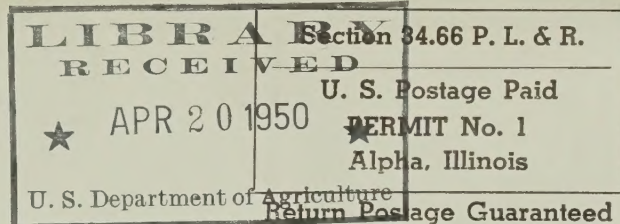
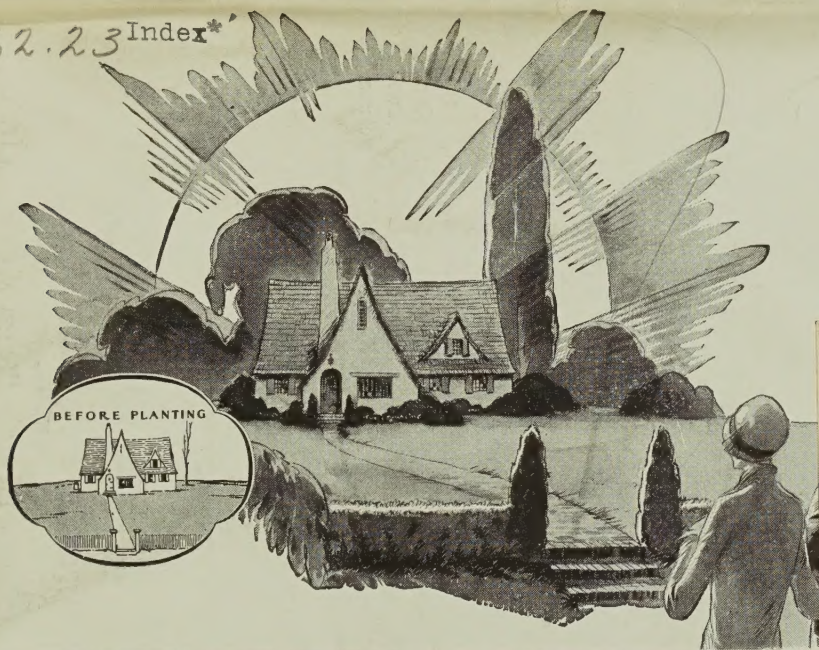
Alpha, Illinois



THIS IS A CORDIAL INVITATION TO VISIT OUR NURSERY

Plan a trip to our nursery. You'll see much to interest you and perhaps you will find a suggestion as to just the very things you need to make your grounds more beautiful and fruitful.

SELECT PERSONALLY SHRUBS, TREES AND PLANTS.



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PLANT NOW . . .

Never a better time to plant

TREES . . SHRUBS . . ROSES

EVERGREENS . . . FRUIT TREES

1950

From ALPHA NURSERY ~ ALPHA, ILLINOIS

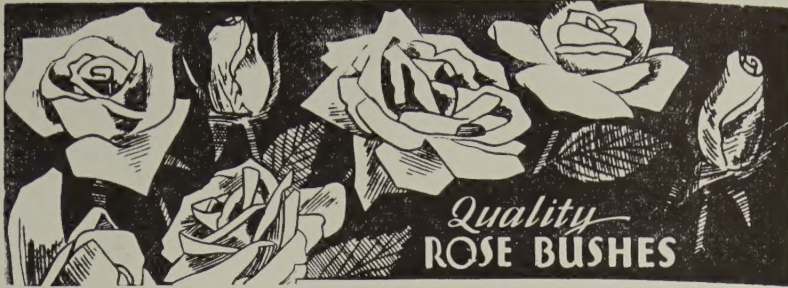
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1891 — 1950

ON HIGHWAY U. S. 150

EVERBLOOMING ROSES

10
for
\$9.00



2 Year, No. 1 Plants\$1.10 each
3 plants for.....\$3.00
6 plants for.....\$5.70
10 plants for.....\$9.00

These roses are all strong field-grown plants—No. 1 grade, 2 years old. They are northern grown, therefore will stand our climate better than roses from the south. We have added several new varieties to our list, and these varieties were all grown here at the nursery in our trial grounds and selected as among the best.

ALWAYS—Just as soon as Rose plants are received trim the roots back until nice and bright, which will be from one to three inches. Then trim off one-third of the top. Set the plants in a bucket of water for three to six hours, then



set the plants in the soil so the bud union is three inches in the soil. Water good for first four days.

ETOIL DE HOLLANDE—Velvet crimson maroon. Large very double—vigorous grower.

RED RADIANCE (Deep Red)—Vigorous, upright bushy plant, bearing a continuous supply of very large, beautiful deep red globular flowers.

GRENOBLE—Long stemmed, beautiful shaped blooms of scarlet crimson.

CHRISTOPHER STONE—Scarlet red with gold stamens showing as the flower opens. Erect healthy plant, and dependable.

POINSETTIA—Rich, dazzling scarlet, semi-double with strong tea fragrance. Blooms freely; medium tall.

BRIGHT WINGS—Long pointed buds, rosy orange; large double cupped orange center, shading to pink. Strong stems, good bright foliage; excellent kind.

PINK RADIANCE (Silvery Pink)—Vigorous upright bushy plants bear a continuous supply of very large, light silvery pink to salmon pink flowers on long, strong stems.

PICTURE—A strong, vigorous and very double rose of fine form; velvety rose pink with undertones of salmon. A fine pink.

JOANNA HILL—Large. Yellow with bronze shading in center. A vigorous grower; fragrant.

MRS. E. P. THOM—Long pointed buds, rich golden yellow; good grower.

McGREDY'S YELLOW—A strong, vigorous plant. Flowers bright buttercup yellow; perfect form.

YELLOW TALISMAN—A good bright yellow with a little shading of pink.

MME. JULES BOUCHE—Medium size but superb white with a tinge of blush at the center; very prolific.

K. A. VICTORIA—Snowy white, fragrant. One of the best white teas.

PRES. HOOVER (Creamy Yellow with Pink and Flame tints)—Long pointed buds. Very heavy bloomer. This was one of our best growers the past summer.

AUTUMN—An upright, vigorous plant; fragrant; burnt orange streaked red.

CONDESA de SASTAGO—Vigorous and prolific; blooms very large, fragrant, and double; deep copper pink within, golden yellow on outside of petals.

NOTE—Always trim the **ROOTS** and **Tops of Roses** and let stand in a bucket of water 3 to 6 hours before planting.



EXTRA SELECT CHOICE PATENTED ROSES

The following roses are all patented varieties and are some of the finest in the U. S. All are strong 2 yr., No. 1 plants. Prices are listed with each plant.

PEACE—Ovoid buds, golden yellow etched with pink as they open. Color changes from canary yellow to pale golden, then to cream. Flowers often 5 inches across—a 1946 winner. 2 yr. plants, \$2.00 each.

MIRANDY—A strong grower, producing large, long, pointed buds of rich dark red with black shadings; very fragrant—a 1945 winner. \$1.50 each.

TALLYHO—Color on inside varying and unique shade of pink, outside rich crimson; long stems. Blooms open slowly and are long lasting. Very heavy substance, very large and perfect; spicy fragrance—a 1948 winner. 2 yr. plants, \$2.00 each.

FORTY-NINER—The colors are startling in their brilliance. Inside vivid oriental red, outside chrome yellow; colors lasting and bright; long buds and well shaped blooms. 2 yr. plants, \$2.00 each.

SUTTERS GOLD—Beautiful long pointed bud, richly shaded with orange and gold. Rich tea fragrance not found in any other yellow rose. One of the newest roses. 2 yr. No. 1 plants, \$2.50 each.

CRIMSON GLORY—Color, deep crimson. Truly a glory rose. Glorious in perfect form, large size and fragrance. A good, vigorous grower. 2 yr. plants, \$1.35 each.

MULTIFLORA Rose (Hedge or Fence Rose)

This is the new hedge or fence rose. Plant 2 feet apart for wind or snow fences. Blooms in June with single and double light pink to pink blooms.

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| 6 to 8 in. plants, 35c for 10 | \$3.00 per 100 |
| 10 to 15 in. plants, 55c for 10 | \$5.00 per 100 |
| Heavy 2 yr. 12-15 in. plants, \$1.25 for 10 | \$10.00 per 100 |

Supply is limited, so order early.

FERTILIZER AND SPRAY FOR ROSES

Following quantity for 3 to 6 plants:

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| 1 bu. Peat Moss | 85c |
| 5 lbs. Milorganite | 40c |
| 2 lbs. Sulphur | 50c |

\$1.75 value for \$1.60

Following quantity for 7 to 12 roses:

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| 2 bu. peat moss | \$1.70 |
| 10 lbs. Milorganite | .75 |
| 2 lbs. Sulphur | .50 |

\$2.95 value for \$2.75

One-half the Peat Moss and one-half the Milorganite fertilizer should be used when the plants are set, the other one-half applied at intervals during the summer. The Sulphur should be applied starting when leaves are full grown and then every 2 weeks all summer.

Floribunda Roses

The Floribunda group of Roses represents a new class of Roses, especially bred for hardiness, ease of culture and mass color effects. They are disease resistant, bloom continuously in large clusters. These roses only grow to a medium height, about two to three feet when matured. They are a very hardy, heavy blooming cluster type group.

PINOCCHIO—A hardy plant producing an abundance of pointed buds of salmon flushed gold, opening to hybrid tea-like roses of soft clear pink, in great clusters. We had 32 blooms on one plant at one time last summer. 2 yr. plants, \$1.25 each.

GOLDSLOCKS—Rich golden yellow. Buds are ovoid in shape. Long lasting, hardy and vigorous. 2 yr. plants, \$1.50 each.

CHATTER—Unusually bright crimson, generous flower clusters; velvety firm petals; continuously in bloom. 2 yr. No. 1 plants, \$1.25 each.

FASHION—Brilliant luminous coral flowers overlaid with gold; all season bloom; large clusters and singly. One of the latest kinds. 2 yr. No. 1 plants, \$2.00 each.

2 year CLIMBING ROSES \$1.00

3 plants, \$2.85

PRIMROSE (Yellow)—Hardy double. One of the few good yellow climbers.

CLIMBING AMERICAN BEAUTY—Flowers rich red to crimson, very large; excellent for cutting.

DR. VAN FLEET—Very large double pink, on single stems; very fine for cut flowers.

PAUL'S SCARLET (Orange Scarlet)—The popular new shade. A vigorous climber on single stems. Our best climber.

CLIMBING ROSES EVERBLOOMING

BLAZE—A hardy, vigorous climbing rose, scarlet crimson in color. Recurrent bloomer. 2 yr. plants, \$1.50 each.

DR. J. H. NICOLAS—A vigorous plant with heavy dark green foliage. Produces fully double deep rose pink blooms 5 to 6 inches across; grows 8 to 10 feet high, and almost everblooming. 2 yr. plants, \$1.50 each.

Hedge or Shrub Roses

These roses are used for hedges or plants in the shrub border. They are very hardy. Free from disease—no covering needed

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| 2 year plants, \$1.00 each; | 5 or more, 90c each |
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GROOTENDORST—Grows 4 to 5 feet. Blooms in large clusters and each rose resembles small red carnations. Blooms all summer.

WE CAN SHIP ROSES DIRECT TO YOU

Parcel Post Rates

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| 1 plant | 12c |
| 3 plants | 25c |
| 6 plants | 30c |
| 10 plants | 45c |

Our Roses are Extra Select
The Best Grade That
Money Can Buy

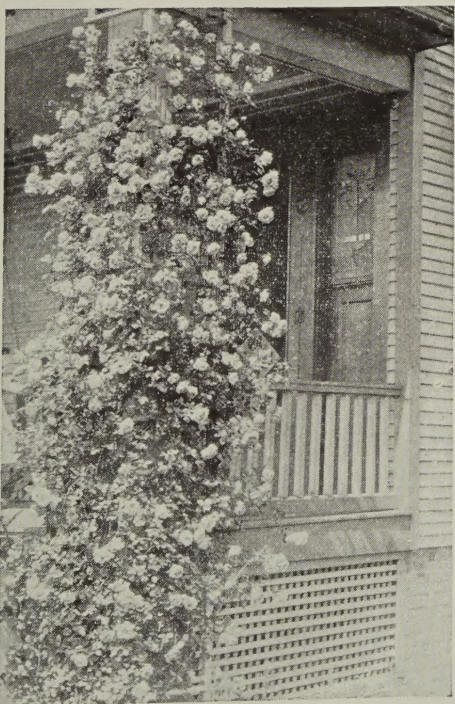
How To Grow Roses

Roses need plenty of sun and good rich soil. We have found that they do better if planted in beds. The rose bed should be top dressed with 2 to 3 inches of cattle or sheep manure, and add a cup full of bone meal to each plant, then spade under the whole works to a depth of 10 to 12 inches, then set the roses. Plant 12 to 18 inches apart and 3 to 5 inches deeper than they grew in the nursery.

Keep the rose bed well cultivated. Also keep all the old bloom picked off.

Late in the fall after the leaves are off, the **EVERBLOOMING ROSES** (only), should be cut back to within 6 to 8 inches of the ground and covered with soil. Mound the soil up as high as possible. In the early spring remove the mound of soil and give the bed a good top dressing of manure.

Roses should be sprayed often and regularly every 10 days. Use Wettable Sulphur. Can be applied dry in dust form or can be mixed with water and used as a spray. Black Leaf 40 can be added when needed to kill aphids. Complete directions are on each package.



Primrose Yellow



Climbing American Beauty

ALPHA NURSERY **ALPHA, ILLINOIS**
ON HIGHWAY U. S. 150

Personally Select Your Trees, Evergreens and Plants

OPEN SUNDAYS

SMALL FRUITS

PLANTED THIS SPRING WILL BEAR NEXT YEAR

ALL SMALL FRUIT ON THIS PAGE CAN BE SHIPPED BY PARCEL POST

For Home ——— STRAWBERRIES ——— For Market

Strawberry Plants will be very scarce this year. Orders should be placed early. Planting season April 1 to May 15. We do not like to furnish plants after May 15. Fall planting of strawberries is very uncertain. and we do not advise it.

SENATOR DUNLAP—This is one of the best varieties grown. It bears well in this locality—producing big crops. Good grower—makes good heavy rows. Berries large size—good rich red color. 25 plants, \$1.00 50 plants, \$1.25 100 plants, \$2.00

PREMIER—(Early)—One of our earliest strawberries. Known as frost proof, as it blooms under the foliage. Succeeds everywhere; produces big crops every year. Long pointed, dark red berries; solid fruit.
25 plants \$1.00 50 plants \$1.50 100 plants \$2.50

ROBINSON—(Early mid season)—A new berry. Vigorous grower. Matures very heavy crops. Fruit large, bright red, solid and has delightful flavor. Keeps well after picking. Extra good for freezing as they hold their shape.
25 plants \$1.00 50 plants \$1.50 100 plants \$2.50

Strawberry Plants should be set 18 inches apart in the row and the rows 4 feet apart. Set the plants straight down. Do not try to hold the plants after receiving—set them out at once. Strawberry plants will not keep long after dug. They will dry out or rot if too wet.



Mastodon

Everbearing Strawberry

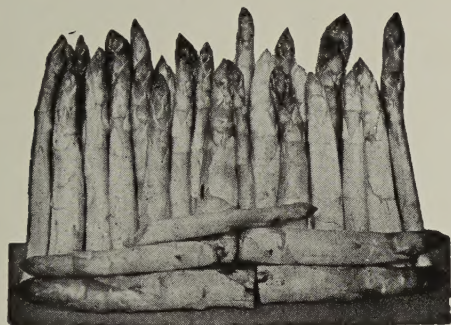
MASTODON—The elephant of strawberries, and bears lots of big berries from summer until frost. Plants set in April had ripe berries July 11th, and the first week in August 160 quarts every five days per acre, and in September 576 quarts per acre every five days. The late berries sure bring the price. This is the newest and best everbearer on the market today. Try a few of the plants. Supply limited. Order Early.

25 plants, \$2.00 50 plants, \$3.00
100 plants, \$5.00

PLANT SMALL FRUITS NOW

Small fruits planted this spring will bear next spring. Save on the cost of your fruit, **GROW YOUR OWN**. Get them started now.

Postage on Strawberries—12c on 25; 18c on 50; 25c on 100



Washington Asparagus

ASPARAGUS

2 Year Roots

NEW PARADISE—This is a new variety of Asparagus and rated as one of the best. A tremendous grower, yielding two or three times as much as other kinds. Exceptionally large, of finest flavor and rust proof. Produces big, tender, delicious tips for many weeks.

\$1.00 for 12; \$1.50 for 25; \$2.50 for 50;
\$4.50 for 100

MARY WASHINGTON—One of the best old stand-by varieties; makes a heavy growth, large, tender tips; can be cut early and runs a long season.

75c per 12; \$1.25 per 25; \$2.25 per 50; 4.50 per 100
Postage—12c for 12; 20c for 25; 30c for 50

The Alpha Nursery has been growing fine nursery stock for 59 years, and we are proud of our record. The year 1950 finds us still living up to that enviable record. It is safe to order your wants by parcel post.

RHUBARB

2 Year Size

NEW STRAWBERRY—An improved old time variety of Pie Plant, stock of medium size, very bright red, juicy, and of fine quality. 2 for 25c

CANADA RED—This is a new Red Rhubarb. It is grown from divisions, not from seed. It takes three years to develop a saleable plant. Here is something new and special in Rhubarb. 75c each.

Postage—10c for 1; 15c for 2 or 3

BLACKBERRIES

✓ **ALFRED**—Very productive and hardy; extra fine quality; sweet flavor, without core; fruit very large, jet black. We think this is the best of blackberries.

12 plants, \$1.80 25 plants, \$3.25 50 plants, \$6.00
Postage—10c for 12; 15c for 25

DEWBERRIES

✓ **GRADENIA THORNLESS**—The dewberry is much like the Boysenberry. Fruit very large and black. We have discontinued the Boysenberry as it is such a poor bearer in this locality.

3 plants 60c 12 for \$2.00 25 for \$3.50

HORSERADISH

Whole Roots—3 for 50 cents

The snappy relish which is so good in the spring.

SAGE

BROADLEAF MAMMOTH SAGE—Plants of strong growth, strong flavor. 2 Yr. Plants, 25c each; 3 for 70c; 6 for \$1.25

GOOSEBERRIES

2 Year Plants

65 cents each 3 for \$1.65

✓ **JOSSLYN**—A large green fruiting kind; an immense cropper, always in demand.

✓ **CHAMPION**—Fruit medium size, round. Bush very hardy and very productive; free from mildew. We think this is the best for general planting.

Postage—12c for 1; 20c for 3



Champion Gooseberry

RASPBERRIES

Raspberries should be planted early—last of March and to May 1st.

Raspberry plants are very short this year. Better get your order in early, as it is doubtful if we can fill half our orders and first in first served.

NEW MORRISON BLACK RASPBERRIES

✓ **THE MORRISON** is one of the newer Black Raspberries. Good solid fruit, very free from disease. The canes are large and stand up well. The plant is a good strong grower.

Strong 1 Year Plants—12 plants, \$1.50; 25 plants, \$2.75; 50 plants, \$5.50; 100 plants, \$10.00

RED RASPBERRIES

LATHAM—For general planting in all sections, LATHAM is one of the best because this hardy, vigorous grower can be depended upon. The fruit is large, solid, does not mush or break apart. This variety sprouts, as all reds do.

Strong 2 Year Plants—12 plants, \$2.00; 25 plants, \$3.50; 50 plants, \$6.00; 100 plants, \$11.00.

RED RASPBERRIES

INDIAN SUMMER—This is one of the newer varieties, bears large heavy crops in early July and will bear a large quantity of berries in the fall on the new canes that come up that year. Not classed as an everbearer. Fruit large and very solid, thimble shaped, rich red. Canes are strong and heavy. This variety sprouts.

Strong 2 Year Plants—12 plants, \$2.00; 25 plants, \$3.50; 50 plants, \$6.00; 100 plants, \$11.00.

PURPLE RASPBERRIES

SODUS—Rich, delicious, heavy bearer. Berries large wine color, just the thing for your freezer. The plant is a strong grower. Does not sprout.

6 plants, \$1.25 12 plants, \$2.40 25 plants, \$4.50 50 plants, \$8.00

RASPBERRY SPRAY

All raspberries should be sprayed in early spring before the plants start to bloom, and again after the fruit is picked. Use **BORDEAUX MIXTURE**, one lb. to 7 gallons water. See that the canes are well covered.

CURRENTS

2 Year—60 cents each; 3 for \$1.65

RED CROSS—Large berries, bright red, bunches very compact.

RED LAKE—Large berries, bunches loose, heavy bearer, bright red.

2 year GRAPE VINES

CONCORD—Black, the most popular grape in America; bunches and berries large, healthy and productive. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

NIAGARA—A fine white grape. Produces large, compact, perfect bunches. Vine a strong, hardy grower. 40c each; 3 for \$1.15.

BRIGHTON—Bunches of good size, fruit when ripe is bronze color with a sweet rich flavor; fine grape. 40c each; 3 for \$1.15.

FREDONIA—The earliest black grape. Large berries, delicious flavor, vigorous and very hardy. 40c each; 3 for \$1.15.

FRUIT TREES

All Our Fruit Trees Are Grown In Our Nursery at Alpha, Ill.

They are all hand sorted to insure good straight trees, with well shaped tops and good roots.
All the varieties are adapted to this climate, as they are grown in this climate.

3 Yr. No. 1 Trees—5-6 Ft.
\$1.50 each

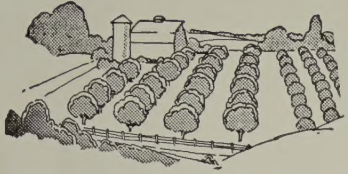
5 or more trees
\$1.25 each

Apple Trees

[EXPRESS OR TRUCK ONLY]

3 Year No. 1 Trees—5-6 Ft.
\$1.50 each

5 or more trees
\$1.25 each



SUMMER VARIETIES

✓ **EARLY HARVEST** — Medium size, clear yellow, crisp and firm. A good solid summer apple. August.

RED ASTRACHAN—An old time apple, medium size, skin green yellow with red stripes. A good summer cooker.

YELLOW TRANSPARENT—Medium, yellow, good quality, productive, early bearer. July.

AUTUMN VARIETIES

DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG—Large size, roundish, streaked with red and yellow; flesh white, juicy, acid. September.

WEALTHY—Large, roundish, smooth, nearly covered with dark red; flesh white, fine, juicy, sub-acid; quality very good; good grower and productive. October.

McINTOSH RED—Beautiful red apple, snow white flesh. Fine quality. Very late fall apple.

WINTER VARIETIES

ALL RED DELICIOUS—Has the same size, flavor and shape as the common Delicious, but this variety is a deep bright red, which completely covers the apple. Flesh is very white, crisp and very juicy. Heavy bearer.

YELLOW DELICIOUS—Fruit golden yellow; flesh pure white; very crisp and juicy; very fine quality. Tree bears young with enormous crops. The old fruit growers claim this is the peak in apples.

JONATHAN—Medium, nearly covered with brilliant stripes of lively red; very showy, juicy, excellent; trees spreading and slender; bears early. November to February.

GRIMES GOLDEN—Medium golden yellow, with white dots, crisp, tender and juicy, excellent; tree vigorous, hardy and productive. November to January.

TURLEY WINESAP—A large dark red apple of excellent quality. Tree is a vigorous grower and very productive; excellent eating apple and late keeper—January to May.

SEE LAST PAGE FOR APPLE AND PEAR TREES—5 KINDS ON 1 TREE.
IF YOU ARE SHORT OF SPACE HERE IS THE THING FOR YOU.

2 year--4 ft. CRAB APPLES \$1.50 each

TRANSCENDENT—Grows in clusters and the tree is simply loaded when fruiting. Bears very young; fruits in September. Use these for jelly and pickles. This is the little red one.

WHITNEY—Fruit very large, yellow striped with red; flesh yellow, very juicy and fine grained, flavor rich and almost sweet. August.

DALGO CRAB

Handsome medium red crab; excellent jelly crab. Tree very beautiful with pink flowers in early spring. This is the crab pictured in the farm journal. \$2.00 each.

PEACH TREES

2 Yr. Trees—4 to 5 feet. \$1.50 each

5 or more, \$1.25 each



Peaches

GOLDEN JUBILEE — (Freestone) — Yellow skin with red blush. Flesh golden yellow. Tender and sweet. Large oblong in size. A top quality peach of superior flavor.

RED HAVEN—A new early peach—large, beautiful red in color; rich yellow flesh; freestone. Hardy, productive.

BELLE OF GEORGIA — Early July. Favorite white peach. High flavored, very firm flesh, sugar sweet, freestone.

ELBERTA—The great American market peach; produces big, profitable crops. Fruit large, bright, attractive, yellow with crimson shading; flesh firm and of good quality. Will ripen perfectly when picked green. One of the best for home or market use. Free stone. September.

CHAMPION—Fruit large, delicious, sweet, juicy; skin creamy white, with red cheek; handsome, hardy and productive, and a good shipper; adhering slightly to the stone. White flesh. August 15th.

FRUIT SPRAY

Fruit trees should be sprayed when the blooms show pink; again when two-thirds of blooms are off, then every two weeks. Use 3 to 4 tablespoons wettable sulphur and 2 to 3 tablespoons arsenate of lead to one gallon water.

CHERRY TREES

3 Yr. Trees—4 to 6 ft. heavy.....\$2.00 each. 5 or more \$1.90 each

EARLY RICHMOND—This is the early popular cherry that is planted so much. Medium red, hardy, immensely productive, ripens the last of June.

MONTMORENCY—The large, late, dark red cherry. This cherry has become very popular on account of size. It is very meaty—ripens about 10 days later than the Richmond.

SWEET CHERRIES

4 to 6 feet, \$2.00 each
(By Express or Truck Only)

WINDSOR—Black—very large and meaty.

NAPOLEON—Yellow—large and good flavor.
Sweet Cherries need well drained soil, heavy in limestone.

BUSH CHERRY

3 to 3½ feet, 75c each

This is a really good bush Cherry. Fruit about half the size of the regular cherry. Pit very small. Flavor is excellent. Grows about 6 ft. tall. This tree makes an excellent screen or tall border; it is just covered with white blooms in May and with bright red fruit in last of June. The foliage is good and thick. Here is a good small tree or bush with both fruit and beauty... Plant about 6 feet apart for hedges.

PEAR TREES

2 Yr. Trees

4 to 6 ft., \$1.50 each

5 or more trees, \$1.40 each

Not Mailable

LINCOLN—Medium size, clear yellow flushed with red. Very hardy and very productive. Either canned or eaten fresh its flavor is delicious. Tree bears very young, and is a sure bearer from year to year.

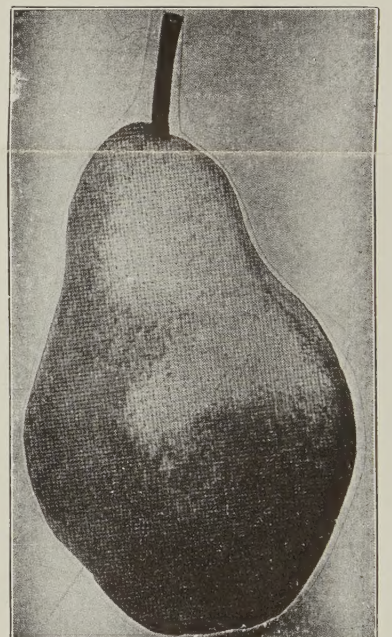
KEIFFER—The best late pear—does not ripen on the tree. Pick them before frost and lay them away. Heavy and sure bearer; good for canning.

SECKLE—The small, sweet pear. Surely fine to eat from the tree. The tree is low grower, but very hardy. September.

BARTLETT—Large yellow. Waxy, rich and juicy, fine quality. Should be planted on thin soil as tree blights on heavy soil.

CLAPPS FAVORITE—Fine late summer Pear; fine grained, very much like Bartlett, but much better in our soil.

DUCHESS—Largest Pear grown. Fruit slightly sweet. Fine eating and canning pear.



Pears

HARDY APRICOTS

2 year 4 to 5 ft. trees.
\$1.50 each

MOORPARK—Large, round, golden yellow, sweet.

SUPERB—Medium size, round, golden yellow, heavy bearer.

PEACH COT—Very large, round, red blush, very fine. Different from other apricots. We brought this kind from Idaho in 1936. This is extra special.

PLUM TREES

2 Yr. Trees—4 to 6 feet, \$2.00 each
(Not Mailable)

BLUE DAMSON—The popular small blue plum—very productive. A fine canning plum. October.

SUPERIOR—A wonderful plum from Minnesota. Red skin, yellow flesh, juicy and sweet, very large. Fruit ripens over a long period. Heavy yielder.

RED COAT—One of the best canning plums. Freestone, the seed falling right out when cut. Large prune shaped, bright red color. Bears young and every year.

GOLDENROD—One of richest flavored plums. Sweet, spicy, tangy, flavor; good size. Beautiful golden color, with firm yellow flesh. Fine for eating or canning.

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ALPHA, ILLINOIS

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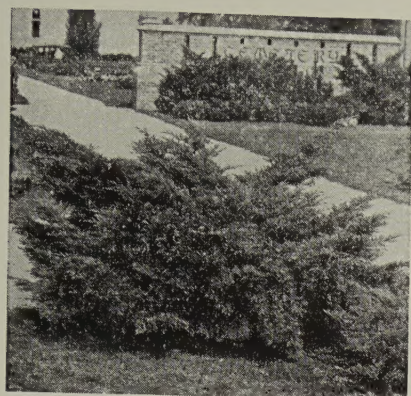
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OPEN SUNDAYS

PLANT EVERGREENS

For All Year Beauty

The following Evergreens are all balled in burlap. It is best that you call at our Nursery, select your Evergreens, and take them with you, as these sizes are hard to ship. However, we can ship them by Burlington Truck. These trees have to be boxed or packed separately in baskets.



Pfitzer Juniper

LOW OR SPREADING TYPE EVERGREENS

PFITZER JUNIPER—This is one of the most popular spreading type evergreens; very hardy, will grow in almost any soil and in any condition. Bluish-green in color, soft heavy foliage. Grows 3 to 4 ft. tall and with a 5 to 6 ft. spread.

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| 12-15 in. | \$3.00 |
| 15-18 in. | 4.00 |
| 18-24 in. | 7.00 |
| 2-3 ft. | 8.00 |

ANDORA JUNIPER—A most satisfactory low spreading type. In fall it turns silver with bronzy-red undercast, changing to bright green during summer. Grows 20 in. tall and 4 to 5 ft. spread.

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| 12-18 in. | \$3.50 | 2½-3 ft. | 6.00 |
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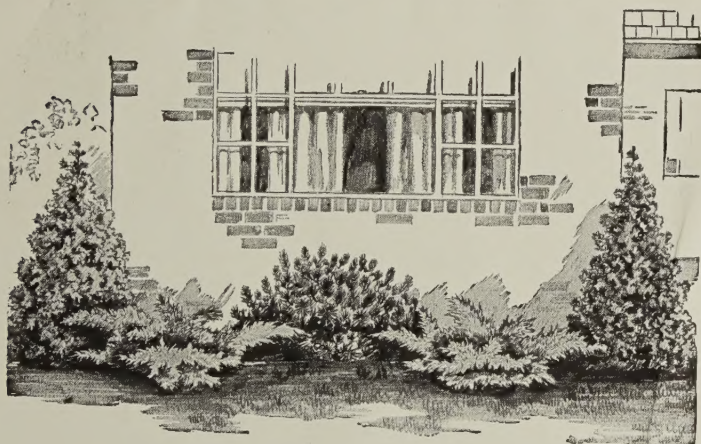
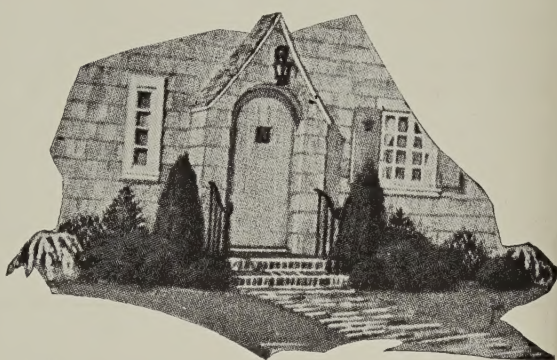
HETZI JUNIPER—This is a new juniper of greenish-blue color; fast grower of the Pfitzer type; has only a little more height. A good evergreen for foundation planting.

12 to 15 in. plants
\$2.00 each

15 to 18 in. plants
\$3.00 each

GOLDEN JUNIPER—One of the new evergreens with golden yellow colored foliage, changing to an old gold color in fall.

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| 12-18 in. | \$3.50 |
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YEW'S JAPANESE

The Yews are a somewhat new type of evergreen for the midwest, but have been grown for 150 years in the east. They are slow growing, very dark green in color. Resist smoke and gas, and will grow in cities where all other types of evergreens fail. Excellent for damp or shady places.

YEW (SPREADING)—This Yew grows about as wide as tall, branching out from the bottom with several branches. Handsome, very dark green foliage.

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| 12 to 15 in. plants | \$ 6.60 each |
| 15 to 18 in. plants | 8.00 each |
| 20 to 24 in. plants | 10.00 each |

YEW (HICKS PYRAMIDAL)—A tall narrow form; very dark green foliage. Will grow 5 to 6 ft. tall.

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| 15 to 18 in. plants | \$ 7.50 each |
| 3 to 3½ ft. plants | 10.00 each |

HATFIELD YEW—An upright column Yew; grows tight and bunchy—more of a dwarf habit. Will attain a height of 3 to 4 ft.

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| 15 to 18 in. plants | \$ 6.50 each |
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EVERGREENS ARE NOT HARD TO GROW. All they need is a little reasonable care—and most of this care is water and a little cultivation. Water is very important, as 70 per cent of evergreens that die is from lack of WATER. One good watering, once a week, is much better than watering every day, and when you water put 10 to 15 gallons of water to each tree—but don't wet the tops.

ALL OUR EVERGREENS ARE GROWN AT THE NURSERY IN ALPHA. They are all fresh dug from our fields. This is very important, as evergreens dry out fast, and if they are out of the ground very long, they will be a sure loss.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY EVERGREENS FROM THE GROWER.

TALL PYRAMIDAL AND UPRIGHT EVERGREENS

VIRGINIA JUNIPER—This is one of the oldest and most popular evergreens. It is well adapted to our climate and will stand the smoke and gas of the city. A fast grower. With a little trimming it makes a perfect pyramidal tree.

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| 3-4 ft. | \$ 5.00 |
| 6-8 ft. | 12.00 |

COLORADO JUNIPER—This is a very refined upright growing evergreen, with fine bluish-green foliage. Stands lots of dry hot weather.

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| 5-5½ ft. | \$6.50 to \$10.00 each |
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Virginia Juniper

SEE LAST PAGE
FOR SMALL SIZE EVERGREENS

CANNARTI JUNIPER—An upright grower, with very dark green foliage; holds its color all year. Has blue berries, which hang on all winter. Grows 6 to 8 feet.

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| 4-5 ft. | \$10.00 each |
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CHINESE JUNIPER—A fine upright evergreen with blue-green foliage—a very hardy fast-growing tree, which stands our hot summers—out of the Pfitzer family.

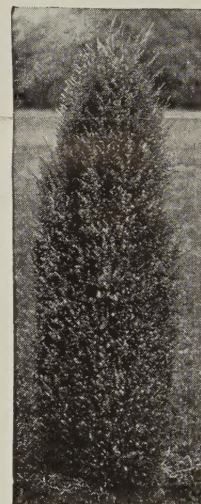
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| 3-4 ft. | \$8.00 |
| 2-3 ft. | 4.00 |

KETTELER'S JUNIPER—A fine upright open growing evergreen, with dark green, heavy foliage. It is well adapted for our climate—does not burn out.

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| 4 to 5 ft. | \$10.00 |
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ARBOR VITEA (GLOBE)—A form of Arbor Vitea that grows in round tight compact globe; foliage bright green. Will grow about 3 ft. tall and 3 ft. wide.

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| 14 in. by 18 in. | \$4.00 each |
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Colorado Juniper

NEWARKI ARBOR VITEA—A flat, fan-like leaf of a vivid bright green. Grows in a round upright habit with many branches.

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| 24 to 30 in. trees | \$5.00 each |
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AMERICAN ARBOR VITEA—A tall tree of pyramidal wide base habit, but can be trimmed into almost any shape.

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| 24 to 30 in. plants | \$3.00 each |
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ARBOR VITEA (PYRAMIDAL)—A pyramidal tree with wide base, used for hedges or screens. Grows 10 to 12 feet, can be clipped to any shape or size.

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| 3 to 3½ ft. | \$5.00 |
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SPRUCE (BLACK HILL)—A tree of fine form; a broad compact pyramid, densely covered with short stiff needles of dark green. Can be used in many places, from windbreaks to foundation planting, as this tree can be clipped to any size.

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| 12 to 18 in.—balled | \$2.50 each |
| 18 to 24 in.—balled | 3.50 each |
| 2 to 3 ft.—balled | 4.00 each |

IRISH JUNIPER—A tall very narrow type, silver green foliage, grows about 7 ft. tall.

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| 2 to 3 ft. | \$2.50 each |
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COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE—This is the tree with the silvery-blue foliage; branches in even layers from top to bottom.

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| 5-6 ft. | \$12.00 to \$15.00 each |
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MOREHEIM BLUE SPRUCE—This is the true grafted blue spruce; every tree blue and will stay blue as long as the tree lives. Supply very limited.

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| 3 ft. trees | \$15.00 each |
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Colorado Blue Spruce

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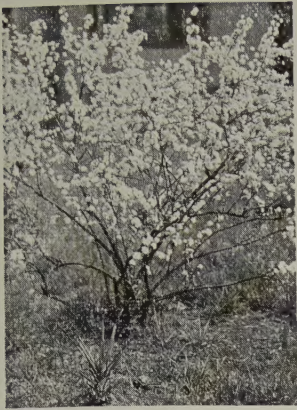
ON HIGHWAY U. S. 150

OPEN SUNDAYS

HARDY SHRUBS

Shrubs make a quick and inexpensive planting, and with proper selection will bloom all summer. Our shrubs are grown in our Nursery at Alpha and are fresh dug from rich, black soil

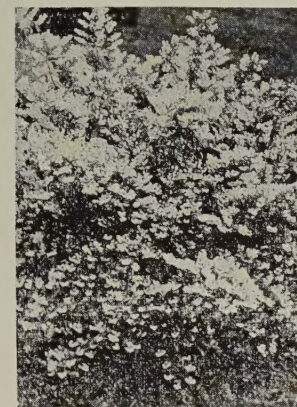
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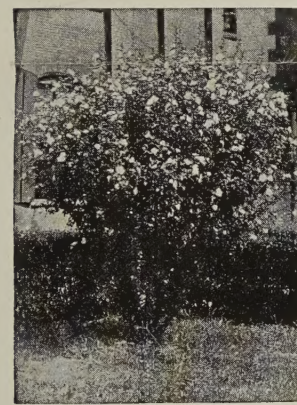
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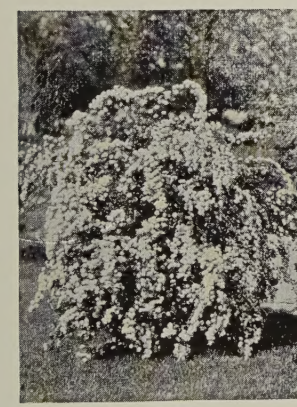
Pink Spirea



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Althea



Spirea Van Houttei



Tamarix



Cranberry Highbush

ALMOND PINK—This is the shrub that blooms in May with small, double, rose-like blooms. Grows 3 ft. tall.
2 yr. plants, 75c each

BLUE MIST—A new low shrub; powdery blue flowers from August until frost. Foliage silver green. Grows 2 ft. tall.
2 yr. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

ALTHEA (Rose of Sharon)—Upright shrub growing 5 to 6 ft.; blooms in early fall with hollyhock type flowers. Blue, White, Red.
2 to 3 ft. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

NINEBARK (Dwarf)—A low growing shrub; very attractive foliage and flowers in May or June, followed by red pods. Grows 3 ft. tall.
18 to 24 in. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

RED BARBERRY—This plant, when planted in sun, has bright red foliage all summer. Fine for contrast or hedge shrub.
15 to 18 in. plants, 60c each: 3 for \$1.50

CORAL BERRY—Fine for bank planting or shady places. Grows 3 ft. tall; has pink berries, changing to red berries all winter.
2 to 3 ft. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

DEUTZIA—White bloom in May; fragrant. Grows 3-4 ft. Plant where protected.
2 to 3 ft. plants, 50c each

WEIGELIA (Able Carrier)—Salmon pink flowers. The large flowers almost cover the plant. Grows 4 to 5 ft.
2 to 3 ft. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

FLOWERING QUINCE (Japan Quince)—This shrub blooms along the stems with rosy red flowers before the leaves appear. Attractive waxy foliage. Upright grower, attaining 4 to 5 ft. in height.
18 to 24 in. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

GOLDEN LEAF NINEBARK—When planted in sun the leaves are golden yellow, flowers white. Blooms in May. Should be cut back each fall. Grows 4 to 5 ft.
18 to 24 in. plants, 75c each

FORSYTHIA (Golden Belle)

FORSYTHIA (Common)—This is the shrub with golden yellow flowers along the stem in early spring before the leaves appear. Grows 4 to 5 ft.
3 ft. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

FORSYTHIA (Spring Glory)—This is a new and improved Forsythia. Produces an abundance of large yellow flowers, completely covering the branches.
3 ft. plants, \$1.00 each

FORSYTHIA (Dwarf)—This is a dwarf variety of Forsythia. Grows about 3 ft. tall, and of dense bushy habit—blooms same as above.
15 to 18 in. plants, \$1.00 each

SPIREAS

SPIREA (Anthony Water)—Dwarf shrub, growing 18 to 24 in. tall; rosy red flat blooms all summer—streaks of yellow in foliage.
12 to 15 in. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

SPIREA (Frobellia)—Dwarf shrub growing 3 ft. tall with light rosy red flat blooms; foliage turns red in fall. Very hardy.
18 to 24 in. plants, 65c each: 3 for \$1.50

SPIREA VAN HOUTTEI (Bridal Wreath)—The well known, popular shrub with white flowers last of May. Grows 4 to 6 feet.
18 to 24 in. plants, 25c each: 10 for \$2.00
2 to 3 ft. plants, 50c each: 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00

SPIREA (Billardi)—Pink flowers on long spikes—upright grower. Grows 4 to 5 feet.
2 to 3 ft. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

Hardy Tall-Growing 75c each 3 for \$1.80

These shrubs are all tall or high growing. They grow from 6 to 8 feet tall and are used for tall screens or to enclose yards, and corner planting of foundation. They are all strong 2 year old plants.

BEAUTY BUSH—This is a new shrub, very hardy. The blooms are pinkish white and appear in June. This shrub attracted wide attention last summer.

SNOWBALL—This is an old favorite of the tall growing shrubs; large round white flowers in late May. Grows 6 to 8 feet tall.

CRANBERRY Highbush—This shrub has heavy large foliage; white flowers in large heads, followed by bright red berries in the fall.

LANTANA—Beautiful wrinkle Lantana like leaves, white flowers in May and June; the berries range in color from crimson to black. Good for shady places.

TAMARIX—This is the tall shrub with feathery foliage and long sprays of pink blooms.

FRENCH LILAC

2 to 3 foot Plants
\$1.50 each



The following are some of the best varieties of the French Lilacs. They are more dwarf than the common varieties; the blooms are larger and of better color, they also bloom much younger. These Lilacs are grafted on Privet or Ash and do not sprout. They should be planted 3 or 4 inches deeper than they grew in the Nursery. Every home should have a few of these Lilacs.

CHAS. X—Single Red.

M. C. PERIER—Double White.

MARECHAL LANNES—Double Pink.

WALDECK ROUSSEAU—Double Lilac Pink.

PERSIAN LILAC

3 to 4 feet, \$1.00 each 12 to 18 inches, 60 cents each

PERSIAN LILAC—Upright vigorous grower, reddish purple flowers in April and May. This Lilac blooms very young, and is very hardy; stands dry weather; much used for hedges or tall screens.

3 to 4 feet, \$1.00 each

12 to 18 inches, 60 cents each

EUONYMUS

EUONYMUS (Alatus)

One of the best hardy Euonymus. A compact, slow growing bush with corky winged bark. Foliage turns brilliant red with first frost. Bright red berries well into winter.

2 to 3 ft. plants, \$2.00 each

EUONYMUS (Wahoo)

A hardy native shrub, producing a wealth of scarlet berries. Foliage brilliant in the fall.

2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 each

HYDRANGEAS

HYDRANGEA P. G. (Pink)—Large cone shaped flowers in the fall, turning pink with the frost. Can be cut for winter.

3 to 3½ ft. plants, \$1.25
18 to 24 inch plants, 80 cents each

HILLS SNOW (Hydrangea)—The summer-blooming kind. Round white flowers like snowballs. Grows about 4 feet.

2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 each



Hydrangea—P. G.

SYRINGA

SYRINGA (Mock Orange)—This is the sweet scented syringa used for hedges and tall screens. Fast upright grower. Can be trimmed to almost any height. Will grow 8 to 10 feet tall. An excellent shrub to enclose your back yard.

3 year, 3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00 each: 3 or more, 90 cents each
2 year, 18 to 24 inch plants, 60 cents each:
5 or more, 50 cents each

SYRINGA (Everblooming)—This is a semi-double, large white flower. Blooms very heavy in June, then lighter during the summer. Better as a specimen plant, as it is not a thick and heavy grower.

3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00 18 to 24 in. plants, 80c each

SYRINGA (Lemonine)—A medium growing shrub, 4 to 6 ft., spreading in growth; white single flowers. A good background shrub.

2 to 3 ft. plants, 75c each: 3 for \$1.80

SYRINGA (Bouquet Blanc)—A new syringa, grows 4 to 5 ft.; blooms heavy May-June; flowers waxy white, partly double, very fragrant. Excellent medium height screen shrub.

2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 each

HONEYSUCKLE (Bush)

3 year, 3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00 each: 3 or more, 90 cents each
2 year, 18 to 24 inch plants, 60 cents each:
5 or more, 50 cents each

This shrub is covered with light pink flowers in June, followed by bright red berries, which hang on all summer. A fine shrub for tall hedges or screens. Can be trimmed to any height. Should be trimmed as it grows, which will make it more compact.

COTONEASTER (Divaricata)

A handsome shrub with deep green leaves almost evergreen. Pink flowers followed by red berries which hang on until late winter. Can be trimmed for hedges. Grows 5-6 feet.

3 year plants, 2-3 ft., \$1.50 each
2 year plants, 12-18 in., \$1.00 each

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SHADE TREES

Air Condition Your Home!

Shade Trees Not Mailable

- SCHWEDLER'S MAPLE (Red Leaf Maple)**—This is the Maple with red foliage in early spring, and during the summer the leaves are bronzy red. A little more rapid growth than the Hard Maple. 6 to 8 ft., \$6.00 each.
- HARD MAPLE (Sugar Maple)**—This is the old-time Hard Maple. Slow growing but long lasting. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$7.00 each.
- NORWAY MAPLE**—Very much like the Hard Maple, but grows a little faster. Foliage golden yellow in fall. 6 to 8 ft. trees, \$6.00 each.
- SILVER MAPLE**—Fast growing Maple. Will last 75 to 100 years. A good, fast growing shade tree. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$5.00 each. 5 to 6 ft. trees, \$2.00.
- MOLINE ELM**—A tall upright tree with large leaves. Grows much like the tall, slim poplars. This tree will out-live three plantings of poplars. Medium fast growing. 6 to 8 ft. trees, \$4.00. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$7.00.
- RED BUD**—Rosy pink, almost red flowers in early spring before leaves appear. 3 to 4 ft. trees, \$1.00 each.
- VASE ELM**—A spreading Elm with large leaves. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$6.50 each.
- BIRCH (European White)**—A hardy, attractive tree with white bark. 5 to 6 ft. trees, \$4.00 each.
- MOUNTAIN ASH**—A very ornamental tree with scarlet berries. 5 to 6 ft. trees, \$4.00 each.
- SYCAMORE**—A large tree with large leaves. Almost creamy white bark. 6 to 8 ft. trees, \$4.00 each.
- PIN OAK**—Rapid growth. Leaves deeply cut; colors beautifully in fall. 5 to 6 ft. trees, \$5.00 each. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$7.50 each.
- CHINESE ELM**—One of the fastest growing trees we have. Lives 20 to 25 years. One of the best trees for quick shade. 5 to 6 ft. trees, \$1.00 each. 6 to 8 ft. trees, \$2.50 each. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$4.00 each.
- LOMBARDY POPLARS**—Tall, slim growing tree; very fast growing. Used for screens and lot line plantings. 3 to 4 ft. trees, 40 cents each. 5 to 6 ft. trees, 75 cents each. 8 to 9 ft. trees, \$1.50 each. 10 to 12 ft. trees, \$2.00.
- RED OAK**—An excellent tree for street or park planting. Beautiful foliage, turning red in the fall. 8 to 10 ft. trees, \$6.50 each.



Wisconsin Willow

WILLOWS

WISCONSIN WEEPING WILLOW—

A graceful tree with branches weeping to the ground. Green bark; leaves silver under side. 4 to 5 ft. trees, 75 cents each. 6 to 8 ft. trees, \$2.50 each.

PUSSY WILLOW—A popular willow on account of catkins in March before the leaves appear. 4 to 5 ft. trees, 75 cents each.

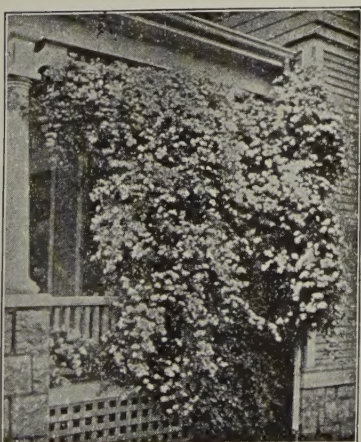
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VINES and CLEMATIS

Strong 2 Year Plants

75 cents each 3 for \$2.00 Postage 12 cents

- WISTERIA (Purple)**—One of the finest climbers, of rapid growth, and perfectly hardy, with long, pendulous clusters of bluish purple. Flowers in June. Grafted plants sure to bloom.
- ENGLEMAN'S IVY**—It is one of the finest ivies we have. The brilliant coloring of the leaves in autumn, together with perfect hardiness, makes it a valuable climber for covering brick or stone walls. Where hardiness is necessary, the Engleman will be found much superior to Boston ivy.
- BOSTON IVY**—This is one of the finest hardy climbers we have for covering walls, as it clings firmly to the smoothest surface, covering closely with overlapping foliage, giving appearance of shingles. The color is a fresh deep green in summer, changing to the brightest shades of crimson and yellow in autumn.
- BITTERSWEET**—A native vine that is especially ornamental in fall and winter, with brilliant orange and scarlet fruit.
- SILVER LACE VINE**—A strong vigorous vine attaining a height of over 25 feet, it has all summer and fall a great mass of foamy sprays of white flowers which turn rose colored as they begin to fade, and the combination of the white and rose make a very pretty picture.



Paniculata

GOLDEN FLAME (Honeysuckle)—New ever-blooming Honeysuckle vine, blooms from early summer until frost. Red flame outside, yellow inside.

Clematis

Postage 12c

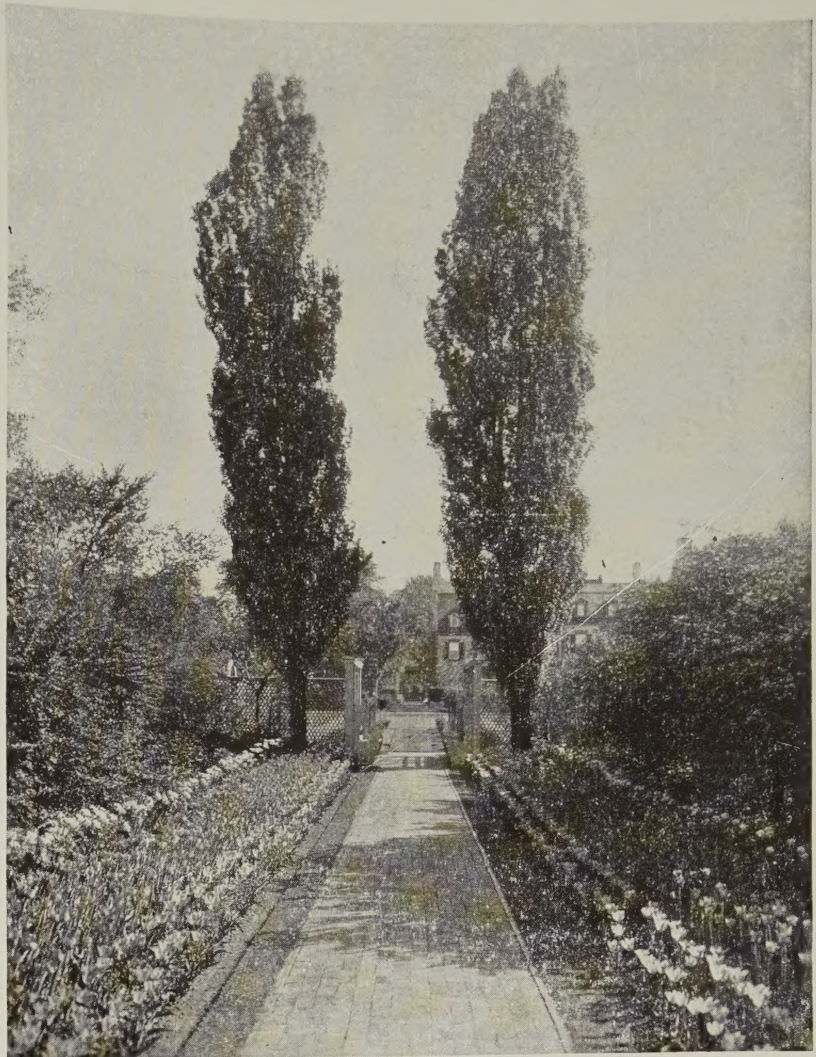
I list here below two popular varieties of the large flowering Clematis and one of the small white flowering. Clematis need a little extra attention to get them started. Once started they grow for years.

JACKMANNI—The well-known purple flowering Clematis. Flowers 4 to 6 inches across. 2 year Pot Grown Plants, \$1.00 each.

MME. EDW. ANDRE—A robust plant blooming freely. Violet red flower 3 to 4 inches across. 2 year Pot Grown Plants, \$1.00 each.

PANICULATA—The small flowering sweet scented white clematis. One of the most vigorous and beautiful climbers. 3 year Field Grown Plants, 75c each.

The Spreading Growth of SHADE TREES will Create Much Comfort for Your Home. Your property will increase in value by the pleasant surroundings.



Lombardy Poplar

THE EVER POPULAR FLOWERING CRAB

In late years the Flowering Crab has become very popular. They are small growing trees, about 10 feet tall or can be trimmed when small into bush forms. We list several of the best varieties.

BECHTEL'S FLOWERING CRAB—One of the most beautiful flowering crabs. Large, double pink blooms about 2½ inches in diameter. Very fragrant; has no fruit. Blooms May, June. Heavy 4 to 5 ft. trees, \$2.00 each.

HOPA RED FLOWERING CRAB—A beautiful, upright growing tree with attractive foliage, entirely covered with crimson buds opening to rose colored flowers in April. Fruit red inside and out, hanging on until autumn. Heavy 4 to 5 ft. trees, \$2.00 each.

RED SILVER—Foliage cut leaved with silver and red. Flowers crimson. Fruit, rich maroon red. 5 to 6 ft., \$1.50 each.

RED LEAF PLUM

This is one of the new red leaf trees; foliage is bright red in the spring, changing to a reddish bronze in the summer; covered with small white flowers in April. Has large purplish red fruit which is delicious to eat.

4 to 6 ft. trees, \$1.50 each

PLANT A HEDGE...

Postage on Hedge Plants—12c per 12; 35c per 100



Amoor River

Privet

Makes a Fine, Hardy Hedge

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Special
12 to 18 in.
Plants
\$2.00 per 10
\$15.00 per 100
2 to 3 ft.
Plants
\$2.50 per 10
\$20.00 per 100

AMOOR RIVER PRIVET

This is the hardy type of privet so much used for hedges. Has glossy green foliage which hangs on very late in the fall. This variety of Privet can be trimmed at any time into any shape. Plant Amoor Privet no matter where you live, it will increase the value of your place.

BRIDAL WREATH (Spirea Van Houttei)

Grandest of Spireas, one of the best of shrubs; complete fountain of pure white bloom in May and June. The foliage and bush shape is ornamental the year round. Fine for tall hedge or screen. Also much used for foundation planting.

Special—18-24 in. Plants, \$2.00 per 10; 25c each
2-3 ft., 50c each; 10 for \$4.00 3-4 ft., 60c each 10 for \$5.00

JAPANESE BARBERRY

This is the popular green leaf Barberry used much for hedges. Foliage turns brilliant in the fall—red berries in the fall. 12-18 in. plants, 30c each; \$2.50 for 10; 18-24 in. heavy plants, 50c each; \$4.50 for 10.

LODENSE PRIVET

This is a dwarf privet growing about 18 in. tall. Bright green foliage which stays on the plant until January. The plant is tight and bunched. 9 to 10 in. bushy plants, 60c each; \$5.00 for 10.

CHINESE ELM

The Chinese Elm is a very good fast growing tall hedge or screen plant. Very fast growing. Will stand hot weather. 2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 for 10 plants; \$3.50 for 50; \$6.00 per 100.

PERSIAN LILAC

This is a fast, early blooming lilac, which is very good for hedges and screens. Can be trimmed any time and any height. 12-18 in. plants, 60c each; 3-4 ft., \$1.00.

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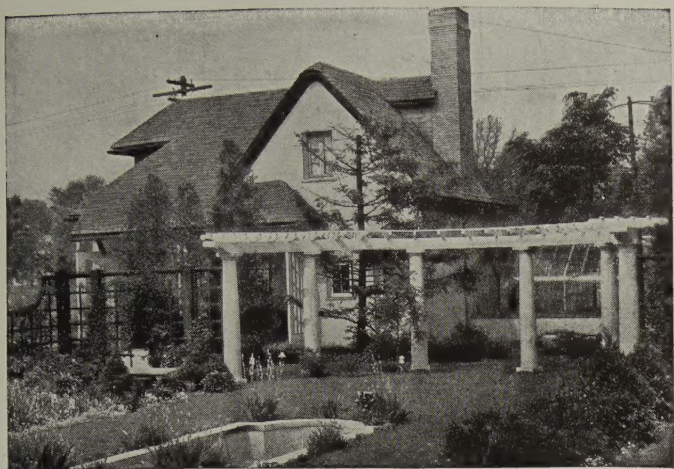
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W I R T ' S LAWN SEED



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We are open Sundays for your convenience in March, April, and May, and September 15 to November 15, when salesmen will be on hand until 6 P. M. During the summer months there will be no salesmen on Sundays, but you are welcome to come and see the flowers and shrubs growing.

Wirt's High Grade Lawn Grass Seed

WIRT'S VELVET LAWN GRASS—This is our own mixture and contains only the top grade seed—Kentucky Blue Grass, Redtop and White Dutch Clover. 75c per lb.; 5 lbs., \$3.50; 10 lbs. or more, 68c per lb.

WIRT'S SHADY LAWN GRASS—This seed is blended especially to build up a lawn where shade is to be considered. This seed is for sowing under trees and shady places where the ordinary seed does not succeed well. 1 lb. pkg., 80c 5 lb. pkg., \$3.75

KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS—Valuable for pepping up old lawns. Choice heavy seed. 1 lb. pkg., .90c 5 lb. pkg., \$4.25

FESCUE CHEWING—\$1.25 per lb.

This is the fine hair-like grass that comes up in many lawns. Will grow in poor acid soil where other grasses fail. Needs very little mowing.

ABOUT LAWN GRASS—No one kind of grass will make a lawn that will keep beautifully green throughout the season, but a mixture of several is essential. Our Velvet Lawn mixture is a splendid grass, giving quick and satisfying results. The shady lawn for under trees and shady spots. Our Grass Seed does not contain Timothy, but Fescue, Red Top and Bent. Our seed is fresh 1949 crop.

QUANTITY OF SEED TO USE—1 lb. to 300 square feet of lawn or double this amount if a quick lawn is wanted.

• Fertilizers • Wirt's High Grade Fertilizers

The use of fertilizer is a very important factor in the growing of all fruits, trees, vegetables, lawns and especially small fruits, as there is very little humus turned under to enrich the soil. Everything is taken out of the soil to produce growth. The three most important chemicals to produce growth and fruit are Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potash. The Nitrogen produces top growth, Phosphorus helps set the fruit or seed, and Potash helps set root crops. But all three are necessary, and should be in balanced proportion. Nitrogen is the first that should be added. If Nitrogen is short, the other two chemicals will be almost useless, and too much Nitrogen will cause too heavy a growth, with very little set of fruit; therefore, Phosphorus and Potash are added to make the set. It is therefore better to use a balanced fertilizer, and use it in small quantities, starting early in spring and at intervals throughout the growing season—but not in the fall, as it causes late growth and this new growth will winter kill.

Milorganite

This is a natural plant fertilizer, scientifically prepared; free from all weed seed. Easy to apply without danger of burning. We, here at the Nursery, have used many kinds and types of fertilizer and like MILORGANITE the best.

ESTABLISHED LAWNS use 30 to 40 lbs. to 1,000 sq. ft. Make the first application in early spring, then again in early September. In poor soil where grass is thin, an application in late May or June, using one-half above amount is advisable.

NEW LAWNS—After the lawn is leveled, make an application of 40 to 50 lbs. of MILORGANITE to 1,000 sq. ft., then lightly mix into the top soil. Now you are ready for the lawn seed. Sow the lawn seed 1 lb. to 200 sq. ft. and lightly rake to cover the seed.

MASS PLANTING OF SHRUBS—Use 30 to 40 lbs. MILORGANITE to 1,000 sq. ft. Broadcast over the area to be planted or among shrubs already planted.

INDIVIDUAL SHRUBS—Use 1 to 4 handfuls of MILORGANITE to each plant, depending upon its size. It is always advisable to work the fertilizer into the soil.

EVERGREENS—Use ½ lb. of MILORGANITE for each foot height or spread of an evergreen. Make a shallow ring around the tree at the outer edge of the tree, place the fertilizer in the ring. Water good, and then close the ring. Fertilize your evergreens in early spring and again in August.

VEGETABLE GARDENS—MILORGANITE can be broadcast over the entire garden in early spring at the rate of 40 to 50 lbs. to 1,000 sq. ft. Later, when the small vegetable plants are 2 to 3 inches tall, make a shallow ditch 4 to 6 inches from the row, both sides; sprinkle 1 lb. MILORGANITE on each side for 50 feet of row. Lima Beans should have three applications—when 3 inches tall, 6 inches tall, and again when blooming.

ALWAYS USE MILORGANITE FOR BEST IN FERTILIZER

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| 10 lb. bags \$.85 | 25 lb. bags \$1.75 |
| 50 lb. bags \$2.50 | 100 lb. bags \$4.00 |

SHEEP MANURE—This is a natural fertilizer, odorless and free from weed seed—suitable for trees, grass, fruits, vegetables. Use as a top dressing on your garden and lawn in early spring. Use at rate of 100 lbs. to 1,000 square feet. 10 lb. bags, 65c; 25 lb. bags, \$1.25; 50 lb. bags, \$2.00; 100 lb. bags, \$3.75

PEAT MOSS

This is the finely ground Peat Moss, for use on Lawns, Evergreens, Shrubs, Roses and Flowers. Keeps the soil loose and holds moisture. Peat Moss worked into the soil under shade trees will help make a nice green lawn, where grass has refused to grow. PEAT MOSS worked into the soil around EVERGREENS will keep them in a good healthy condition. ROSE BEDS need PEAT MOSS.

1 bushel paper bags, 85c large bales, \$6.00

SPRAY MATERIAL

for Fruit Trees, Roses and Plants

DON'T LET THE BUGS EAT UP YOUR TREES, FLOWERS AND GARDEN. THE FOLLOWING INSECTICIDES WILL CONTROL THEM.

GARDEN GUARD (Rotenone)—Controls the widest variety of sucking and chewing insects which attack the garden. Non-injurious to humans, pets or animals when used as recommended. 1 lb. sifters, 60c each

ARSENATE OF LEAD—For control of fruit worms and chewing insects which damage shade trees, vegetables, and berry bushes—1 lb. added to 25 gallons water. 1 lb. cans, 70c each

BORDEAUX MIXTURE—For the prevention of fungus spores on raspberries, evergreens, grapes, plums, etc. Controls rot. Can be applied dry or wet. 1 lb. can, 60c each

NNOR ROTENONE SPRAY—A garden spray makes available the tremendous killing power of Rotenone in a more effective form than ever. For control of sucking and eating insects. 1 oz. bottle, 40c each

LIME SULPHUR (Dry)—For use on fruit trees, rose bushes and raspberries for scale. To be used only before leaves appear or after they have fallen in the fall. 1 lb. can, 50c each

DUSTING SULPHUR (Wettable or Dry)—Can be used wet or dry, for spots on roses, rot on peaches, red spider on evergreens. Can be added to Arsenate of Lead for fruit spray. 2 lb. can, 50c each

RED RIVER POTATO MIX (DDT)—Yes DDT has been added to this effective product. Effective against leaf hopper, blight and bugs. 1 lb. bag, 65c each

APHIS SPRAY—A fine all-round contact spray for the control of aphids, thrips, leaf-hopper, and many other sucking and eating insects. 3 oz. tubes, 50c each

LIME (All Purpose)—For sweetening the soil. 10 lb. bags, 50c each

TREE PAINT (Copper Shield)—Used to paint cuts and tree wounds. 1 lb. jars, 75c each

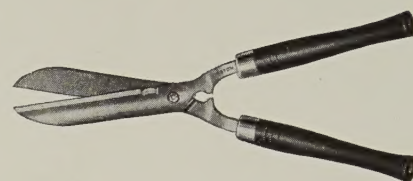
Good Garden Supplies

WISS HAND PRUNER—A new effortless hand pruner, cuts through wood with a smooth draw action. We use this pruner at the Nursery. \$2.50 each

WISS HEDGE SHEARS—This is the best hedge shear we have ever used. Hollow ground blades, one notched. 8½ in blade. Will last a lifetime. \$4.75 each

SOIL SOAKER HOSE—Here is an unusual way to water your lawn, plants and flowers. Made of special porous canvas; screws to any water connection. Water seeps through every pore the full length. No spray, no waste. Will not burn out grass like a sprinkler—Cheap too. 30 ft., \$3.50 50 ft., \$5.60

TROMBONE PRECISION SPRAYER—This is a trombone type sprayer. Will carry 35 feet. Made of heavy brass. Hose is placed directly in a bucket or tank. Light, easy to handle—just the thing for small gardeners. Has 4 different sprays. \$7.65 each



PLANTING AND INSTRUCTION SHEETS FREE

Drop us a card or letter. We will send the sheets that interest you.

STRAWBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES—Planting and Spraying.
FRUIT TREES—Spraying guide.
ROSES—Planting, care and spraying.

SHADE TREES—Planting and care.
EVERGREENS—Planting and care.
LAWNS AND FERTILIZERS.

Open Sundays

This is a cordial invitation to visit our nursery . .

Plan a trip to our nursery. You'll see much to interest you and perhaps you will find a suggestion as to just the very things you need to make your grounds more beautiful and fruitful.

SELECT PERSONALLY SHRUBS, TREES
AND PLANTS

Hundreds of our customers come to the Nursery every year, select their SHRUBS and PLANTS, and take them home in their cars.

It will save you money to do this, also you see just what you are getting.

PERENNIAL PLANTS, SPRING BULBS, VEGETABLE PLANTS

We have a special sheet listing Hardy Perennial plants, bulbs, vegetable plants. It is FREE. Mail a postal card to ALPHA GREENHOUSE, ALPHA, ILL.

We Can Ship Anywhere!

TRANSPORTATION

We can ship our Nursery Stock anywhere you wish, by Express, Freight or Parcel Post. Also by Truck lines. Our prices listed are for the stock boxed or wrapped. Large fruit trees, shade trees, evergreens and shrubs must go by express or freight. Berry plants, roses and small quantity of shrubs can go by parcel post.

ALPHA NURSERY STOCK

Is grown on heavy, rich black loam, which insures good, strong, steady growth. Our aim is to grow the very best, most hardy and productive varieties adapted for the Northern central states.

We have been in the nursery business at Alpha, Illinois, for the past 59 years, and have a host of satisfied customers, as we try our best to treat every one fairly and squarely.

We try to serve every customer and planter of our goods so promptly, courteously, and thoroughly as to assure each the profit, pleasure and satisfaction he expects.

We Guarantee

our stock to be true to name. Should any items prove untrue, we will replace them.

But shall not at any time be held responsible for any amount greater than the original price.

We Replace

stock that dies at one-half price, if a list is sent us within four months after the shipment is made.

ALPHA NURSERY ALPHA, ILLINOIS

Personally Select Your Trees, Evergreens and Plants

ON HIGHWAY U. S. 150

OPEN SUNDAYS

SPECIAL - TREES and PLANTS

5 on 1 FRUIT TREES

APPLE—This tree has 5 varieties of APPLES budded on one tree—summer, fall and winter varieties—and all are good varieties for here.

5 ft. trees, \$2.50 each

PEAR TREES—This PEAR tree has 5 varieties budded on one tree—early, late and sweet pear.

5 ft. trees, \$3.00 each

Butterfly Bush or Summer Lilac

50c each, 3 for \$1.35

Pink with orange eye, Dark Wine Red, Lavender Pink.

These Summer Lilac or Butterfly Bushes are tops in summer flowers. They bloom from July until late fall. The flowers are fragrant and come in terminal clusters with panicles 8 to 10 in. long. The plants will bloom this year.

MAGNOLIA (Soulangeana)

The most decorative and most popular of the Hybrid Magnolias, producing a wealth of very large rose colored blooms just before the leaves appear in the spring. The plants are grown on their own roots, and should not be compared with grafted plants which are cheaper but not hardy.

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| 3 to 4 ft.—balled in earth | \$ 9.00 each |
| 4 to 5 ft.—balled in earth | 12.50 each |
| 18 to 24 in.—not balled | 3.25 each |

Supply is very limited.

Trees and Shrubs with Colored Foliage

The following have colored foliage all summer, and are beautiful when planted with our green leaved plants:

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| GOLDEN LEAF NINEBARK. Golden Foliage | 75c each |
| RED LEAF BARBERRY. Bronzy Red Foliage | 60c each |
| BLUE MIST. Silver Foliage, Blue Flowers | 75c each |
| RED LEAF PLUM. Red Foliage. Grows 10 ft. | \$1.50 each |
| EUONYMUS. Brilliant Crimson Foliage in fall | \$2.00 each |
| COTONEASTER. Bronze Foliage, Red Berries | \$1.50 each |

GROUND COVERS

VINCA (Minor) Clumps 25c each

A trailing evergreen plant used to cover ground under shrubs and evergreens—blue flowers. Each clump can be divided into many small plants.

SPURGE (pachysandra)

A splendid ground cover, glossy foliage, forming a dense mat. Does well in dense shade, especially under evergreens. Grows 6 inches tall in sun or shade. 6 in. plants, 25c each; \$2.00 for 10.

Evergreens

These Evergreens have been transplanted. They have good roots and well balanced tops. They are not to be compared with seedlings so often offered. They are 5 to 7 years old and are the same that we plant in our open fields to grow into larger trees.

Keep them well moist the first year; also cultivate them good.

By using these trees you can landscape your home for \$10.00 to \$15.00 and in three years you will have a planting worth over \$75.00. It is just a case of you growing the trees or the Nursery growing them.

Last spring we sold thousands of this size evergreens.

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| YEW (SPREADING)—12-15 in. | \$2.00 ea. |
| A dark green spreading tree; grows 4 ft. | |
| YEW (HICKS PYRAMIDAL)—12 to 15 in. | \$2.00 ea. |
| An upright, dark green yew; grows 5 ft. | |
| PFITZER JUNIPER—10 to 12 in. | \$1.00 ea. |
| The popular spreading juniper. | |
| VON EHREN JUNIPER—12 to 15 in. | \$1.50 ea. |
| A good spreading juniper; grows 4 ft. | |
| ARBOR VITEA (PYRAMIDAL)—12-15 in. | \$1.50 ea. |
| A slim, upright tree; grows 8 ft. | |
| ARBOR VITEA (GLOBE)—10 to 12 in. | \$1.50 ea. |
| Grows in ball shape, to about 3 ft. | |
| SPRUCE (BLACK HILLS)—10 to 12 in. | \$1.00 ea. |
| Tall-growing trees for windbreaks or screens. | |
| PINE (AUSTRIAN)—12 to 15 in. | \$1.00 ea. |
| Large, long-needled tree for windbreaks. | |
| JUNIPER (COLORADO)—15 to 18 in. | \$2.00 ea. |
| Pyramidal tree for foundations; grows 8 ft. | |
| ARBOR VITAE (BIOTA)—15 to 18 in. | \$2.50 ea. |
| Flat leaf, bright green, wide base; grows 5 ft. | |

THE ABOVE EVERGREENS ALL HAVE BEEN TRANSPLANTED TWO TO THREE TIMES. THEY HAVE HEAVY ROOT SYSTEMS, GOOD TOPS, AND WITH A LITTLE ATTENTION WILL SOON GROW INTO VALUABLE TREES.

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